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HIGH DESERT COUNTY COMPLEX TO BE MOVED

Apple Valley, CA; San Bernardino, CA – The Town of Apple Valley and the County of San Bernardino jointly announced today a change in plans for the proposed Apple Valley Government Center, which will be comprised of a new Town Hall and a new County Branch Library. “The Town has determined that it requires, for its own purposes, space that was to be developed and leased to the County of San Bernardino”, said Ted Burgnon, Mayor of Apple Valley. Mayor Burgnon went on to say, “the original government center concept was comprised of three buildings, the new Town Hall, County library and County office building, respectively. However, it is incumbent upon the Town Council to ensure the new facilities meet the Town’s current needs and provides for future growth. Our own internal studies and consultations with our architect indicate the Town needs more space than is provided in the original government center concept.”

Recently elected First District Supervisor Bill Postmus stated, “While the genesis of this project pre-dates my election to the Board of Supervisors, it will be consummated during my term in office. I was pleased to have an opportunity to work with the elected leadership of the Town of Apple Valley to make this situation a win-win for the County, the Town and, indeed, all taxpayers.” Supervisor Postmus went on to say, “I was aware the Board had, through a competitive process, awarded the High Desert County Complex project to the Town of Apple Valley and felt the County office building would be a significant addition to the Town’s government center campus. However, in my initial get-acquainted discussions with Town officials, it became clear the Town’s needs,

and those of the County, would be better served by the Town occupying the building originally slated for County occupancy.”

Councilmember Mark Shoup, one of the Town’s elected leaders who sat in on initial discussions with Supervisor Postmus, said, “while the County office building would have enabled the Town to accomplish certain economic development objectives, providing additional space to meet our current and future needs is more important at this juncture. In addition, this decision has been made easier by the interest private office building developers have shown in our government center campus. So, it appears we will be able to meet our space needs and accomplish our economic development objectives at the same time. As Supervisor Postmus indicated, “a win-win for all concerned.”

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